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Title:	A 12-year old boy died due to dengue in district Kolkata, West Bengal			
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A 12-year-old boy from Tiljala died of dengue shock syndrome on Tuesday afternoon. This is the first reported dengue death in the city this season. Doctors said while the focus was on Covid, the administration should also take up measures to counter the mosquito menace. At least three more children are admitted to Institute of Child Health (ICH) with dengue fever.

Faizan Ahmed (12) from Tiljala had been suffering from fever for the past few days. According to the hospital, the boy's family brought him to ICH on Monday night in a critical condition. Because of his serious condition, doctors admitted to the boy in the hospital's PICU (paediatric intensive care unit). From the symptoms doctors suspected dengue and sent the boy's samples for confirmation.

"The boy died of dengue shock syndrome in the PICU. He was admitted on Monday night in a serious condition. We got his dengue-positive report about an hour after his death," said paediatric intensivist Prabhas Prasun Giri, in charge of the PICU at ICH.

The hospital currently has three more dengue-positive children undergoing treatment, including one in the PICU. Condition of the three, however, is stable,

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doctors said. So far, the hospital has treated 12 children for dengue, including five in the PICU. Most of the children were from Tiljala, Topsia and Park Circus localities.

“While countering Covid, we must not be ignoring dengue. In such a case, things can turn very ugly on the dengue front. A few days ago, we even got a boy, who was down with both dengue and Covid,” said Giri.

A boy from Beniapukur, who was brought to ICH on July 21, was found infected with both Covid and dengue. But since ICH does not have the facility for treating Covid patients, the boy who had been admitted in the isolation ward, was then referred to Medical College and Hospital after the Covid confirmatory report came.

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